

Greetings from the SD Diabetes Prevention & Control Program (DPCP) and welcome to the May 11th edition of the "DPCP FYI". Each FYI is received by over 400 diabetes care professionals in and around South Dakota. If you have trouble with the links or attachments, the e-bulletin is also posted on the DPCP website at <http://diabetes.sd.gov>. If you have suggestions for improvement to the FYI or if I can otherwise be of assistance, please let me know, Colette

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Diabetes Call for Proposals

The Diabetes Prevention & Control Program has released its 2007-2008 Call for Proposals. The primary purpose is to provide financial assistance to partners to accomplish objectives in the *South Dakota Diabetes State Plan 2007-2009*. The diabetes strategic plan and the application guidance can be accessed at the program's website at <http://diabetes.sd.gov>, by calling 773-7046, or by emailing colette.beshara@state.sd.us. Due date for proposals is **June 6th**.

Diabetes Coalition Members Wanted

Now that the *South Dakota Diabetes State Plan 2007-2009* is complete, partners will be working together on its implementation. If you or someone in your organization is interested in joining a workgroup to address plan objectives, please contact either Melissa Magstadt at magstadm@sanfordhealth.org or (605) 886-1530 or Ingrid Rasmussen at ingridarneson@gmail.com or (605) 254-6067.

Wellmark Foundation's 2007 Community Responsive Grant Program

The Wellmark Foundation's 2007 Community Responsive Grant Program focuses on community initiatives that measurably improve health status through project funding within the priority areas of depression, diabetes, end-of-life care, and health literacy. The deadline for the Community Responsive Grant Cycle is **June 19, 2007**. For additional information, visit <http://www.wellmark.com/foundation/apply/M51720.pdf>. Grant application review is to be completed and funding scheduled for release by September 1, 2007.

SD Public Health Conference's Pre-conference Session on Motivational Interviewing

Steven Berg-Smith, a national known speaker on Motivational Interviewing, will be presenting on the topic during a pre-conference session on June 20th at the Ramkota RiverCentre in Pierre from 8:30 to noon. Professionals interested in attending should email Jenny Merkwon at JennyMerkwon@catholichealth.net

MedPlus

Do you know someone who could use transportation for Dr visits?

Do you know clients that need eye glasses but can't afford them?

If so, read on to learn more about a new program that is free to qualified individuals

MedPlus is a Special Needs Plan offered by DAKOTACARE for Dual Eligible Medicare beneficiaries. South Dakota residents who qualify for Medicare and full Medicaid benefits are eligible to enroll in the *MedPlus* program at **no cost**. In addition to providing comprehensive Medicare Part A, Medicare Part B, and Medicare Part D prescription coverage, *MedPlus* offers members expanded benefits including:

1. Transportation - To and from medical providers
2. Physical Exam - One wellness exam each year
3. Vision Services – New eyeglasses every 12 months
4. Immunizations – Flu, pneumonia, Hepatitis B
5. Emergency Medical Response System – Available to those who meet criteria
6. Health/Wellness Education – Health education materials, nutritional training, and nursing hotline
7. Chiropractic Services – Up to 12 visits per year
8. Podiatry Services - Up to 12 visits per year
9. Acupuncture – Up to 12 visits per year
10. Emergency Care – Worldwide coverage

All Med Plus members also have access to a Personal Health Advisor. This health care professional can help with routine questions and work with clients on an individualized lifestyle plan so clients can manage their health and coordinate their benefits. For further information please call 866-437-3288.

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